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ANNUAL REPORT

for the Year 1962

To the Chairman and Members of the
Rural District Council of Ringwood and Fordingbridge

I submit for your information and consideration my sixteenth Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your District.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS :

The Rural District of Ringwood and Fordingbridge comprises a wide strip of country along the western border of Hampshire. It embraces the valley of the River Avon from the Wiltshire border in the north to the Borough of Christchurch in the south. To the east the District includes a considerable portion of the New Forest.

The District is divided into sixteen parishes of very varying size and population and with a total area of some 140 square miles. There has been a 40% increase in population since the end of the War, almost entirely by immigration.

The principal industry is agriculture with the emphasis on dairy farming, but in addition there are a number of important industries in the main towns and a major aircraft factory at Hurn.

RAINFALL FOR 1962 :

The following figures have been provided by the courtesy of the Meteorological Officer at Hurn Airport.

			ins.				ins.
January	...	...	4.79	July	...	...	1.48
February	...	...	0.37	August	...	...	3.25
March	...	...	1.35	September	...	...	3.04
April	...	...	1.53	October	...	...	1.51
May	...	...	2.86	November	...	...	3.93
June	...	...	0.29	December	...	...	2.16

TOTAL : 26.56 inches

GENERAL STATISTICS

AREA : 90,145 acres.

POPULATION : Registrar-General's estimate for mid-year 1962 :
27,380.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES : 9,170.

RATEABLE VALUE AT 31.12.62 : £392,384.

SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE : £1,567 9s. 1d.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1962 :

(as supplied by the Registrar-General)

		Total	Male	Female	Ringwood & Fordingbridge Rural District	England & Wales
LIVE BIRTHS :						
Total	...	411	200	211		
Legitimate	...	388	186	202		
Illegitimate	...	23	14	9		

LIVE BIRTH RATE : (Comparability Factor 1.06)

per 1,000 population	...	...	...	15.01	18.0
after application of comparability factor				15.9	

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS :

per cent of total live births	5.6
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STILL BIRTHS :

Total	...	6	5	1
Legitimate	...	6	5	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—

STILL BIRTH RATE :

per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...	14.4	18.1
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TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS : 417.

INFANT DEATHS :

Deaths under one year of age

Total	...	12	4	8
Legitimate	...	12	4	8
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—

Deaths under 4 weeks of age

Total	...	8	3	5
Legitimate	...	8	3	5
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—

Deaths under one week of age

Total	...	8	3	5
Legitimate	...	8	3	5
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—

INFANT MORTALITY RATE:

per 1,000 live births—Total	...	...	29.2	21.4
„ „ „ „ —Legitimate	...	...	30.9	
„ „ „ „ —Illegitimate	...	...	Nil	

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE:

(Deaths under 4 weeks)

per 1,000 live births	19.5	15.1
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EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE:

(Deaths under 1 week)

per 1,000 live births	19.5	
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE:

(Still births & deaths under 1 week combined)

per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...		33.6	
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MATERNAL DEATHS:

(including abortion)	Nil	
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MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE:

per 1,000 total (live and still) births	...	Nil	0.35	
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DEATHS:	Total	Male	Female	
	440	193	247	

DEATH RATE: (comparability factor 0.74)

per 1,000 population	...	...	16.1	11.9
after application of comparability factor			11.9	

SPECIAL CAUSES:

Death rate per 1,000 population

Tuberculosis	...	...	Nil	0.07
Pneumonia	...	...	1.13	0.68
Influenza	...	...	0.15	0.07
Cancer (lung and bronchus)	...	...	0.36	0.51
Cancer (all causes)	...	...	2.52	2.17

COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS:

(Since the District was formed in 1932)

Year	Population	Ringwood and Fordingbridge			ENGLAND and WALES		
		I.M.R.	B.R.	D.R.	I.M.R.	B.R.	D.R.
1932	18,400	60	15.4	12.6	65	15.3	12
1936	18,640	48	13.3	13.1	59	14.8	12.1
1940	20,430	45	14.1	13.2	55	14.6	14.3
1944	19,520	25	16.2	12.6	46	17.6	11.6
1948	22,270	28	20.3	10.8	34	17.9	10.8
1952	24,060	28	16.2	12.4	27	15.3	11.3
1956	25,000	27	15.0	19.4	23.8	15.7	11.7
1957	25,180	30	14.6	18.9	23.0	16.1	11.5
1958	25,310	18	15.1	14.2	22.5	16.4	11.7
1959	25,530	11	14.0	14.8	22.0	16.5	11.6
1960	25,690	15	15.0	15.8	21.7	17.1	11.5
1961	26,850	26	15.5	15.1	21.4	17.4	12.0
1962	27,380	29	15.0	16.1	21.4	18.0	11.9

CAUSES OF DEATH :

						Male	Female
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...	...	—	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	2	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infection	...	...	...	...	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	1	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	2	2
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	...	...	8	2
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	—	10
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	—	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	18	25
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	1	—
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	—	1
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	18	58
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	49	25
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	6	7
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	22	46
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	5	9
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	3	1
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	15	16
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	6	6
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	2	2
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	1	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	1	3
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	2	3
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	5	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	14	19
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	5	1
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	3	5
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	3	2
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	—	—
TOTAL (All causes)						193	247

The Complete details of the Census are not yet available but some preliminary figures have already been published and since they are of considerable interest in showing population increases and decreases in the different parishes they are reproduced now. I shall at a later date comment on the Census in detail when the County Report is published.

Area	Acreage	Population					Private households & dwellings, 1961			
		1961					Private households	Rooms occupied	Density of occupation	
		Persons	Persons	Males	Females	Persons per acre			Persons per room	Percentage of persons at more than 1½ per room
RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE R.D.	90,145	23,935	27,033	12,838	14,195	0.3	9,180	44,211	0.61	5.8
Breamore ...	3,606	568	510	268	242	0.1	162	803	0.65	4.5
Burley ...	11,260	1,596	1,613	723	890	0.1	554	3,040	0.51	3.0
Christchurch East ...	6,760	3,462	3,834	1,874	1,960	0.6	1,230	5,815	0.66	8.3
Damerham ...	4,680	470	496	247	249	0.1	176	847	0.61	1.8
Ellingham ...	7,271	760	595	286	309	0.1	213	1,099	0.56	2.2
Fordingbridge ...	14,707	4,224	4,567	2,120	2,447	0.3	1,572	8,013	0.57	4.9
Hale ...	1,844	489	572	278	294	0.3	190	891	0.63	5.9
Harbridge and Ibsley ...	6,007	1,211	662	340	322	0.1	222	1,109	0.61	4.7
Hurn ...	4,483	437	381	190	191	0.1	104	508	0.73	—
Martin ...	5,213	607	364	179	185	0.1	129	622	0.62	2.2
Ringwood ...	7,249	6,336	7,971	3,774	4,197	1.1	2,714	13,218	0.61	3.5
Rockbourne ...	3,923	401	384	179	205	0.1	140	709	0.56	1.6
St. Leonards & St. Ives ...	6,153	1,788	3,374	1,503	1,871	0.5	1,218	4,770	0.66	13.9
Sopley ...	4,778	937	1,063	572	491	0.2	310	1,512	0.62	9.0
Whitsbury ...	1,823	203	215	114	101	0.1	69	363	0.60	7.4
Woodgreen ...	388	446	432	191	241	1.1	177	892	0.49	6.3

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE :

The incidence of infectious disease was by far the lowest ever recorded in this District.

No case of Poliomyelitis occurred.

Notifications					Number
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	1
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	2
Measles	...	...	...	...	26
Poliomyelitis —	Paralytic		...	...	—
	Non-Paralytic		...	...	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	1
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	5
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	1

TUBERCULOSIS :

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
No. on Register at 31.12.62	121	87	42	17	267
No. of new notifications	5	3	1	1	10
Transfers from other areas	6	1	1	—	8
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—

FOOD POISONING :

A sharp outbreak of apparent food poisoning occurred among the customers at a local canteen. Perhaps as many as fifty people were affected, the symptoms being highly suggestive of a clostridium welchii infection. The illness was of short duration and most were well before it was possible to obtain specimens. The food suspected of causing the illness was processed peas packed in six pound tins for catering purposes. Precise confirmation was not obtained. The canteen was found to be observing normal hygienic practices.

LUNG CANCER :

Ten deaths occurred from lung cancer. This is a further fall from the record total of 23 which occurred in 1960. However, we need take no comfort from this apparent improvement since it is likely to be only temporary. The national death rate continues to rise and in 1962, 23,779 persons died from this condition in England and Wales, an increase of 970 on the previous year's total. The rising trend of approximately a thousand more deaths each year is deplorable in what is an avoidable disease.

The evidence that cigarette smoking is the cause is overwhelming, but so addicted is the public that most choose to ignore the facts and take the risk. The only section of the community to show a substantial reduction in cigarette smoking is the medical profession and they of course see the pitiable end results with increasing frequency.

Efforts must be concentrated on making the hazards of smoking clear to the young, and this is in fact increasingly being done in our schools by films, posters and talks. It is difficult however to make a positive impact when they merely copy the habits of their elders and receive little active discouragement.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. LABORATORY FACILITIES :

The area is served by two constituent laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service. The one at Boscombe is under the direction of Dr. G. J. G. King, and that at Salisbury under Dr. P. J. Wormald. In each case the Directors are available as consultants in field work, in the District. The following list, kindly supplied by Dr. King, is of specimens from this district examined at the Boscombe Laboratory.

Milk	20
Food	15
Water	146
Faeces	23
Other Human	25
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					229
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2. HOSPITALS

Hospital facilities are provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Fordingbridge Cottage Hospital

St. Leonard's Hospital) aged and chronic sick

Fordingbridge Infirmary)

The majority of patients requiring hospital treatment go to Bournemouth or Salisbury.

Cases of infectious disease go to Alderney Hospital, Poole. Respiratory paralysis in poliomyelitis is transferred to the special unit at Priorsdean Hospital, Portsmouth.

3. TUBERCULOSIS :

The clinic facilities for the treatment, prevention and after-care of this infection are provided jointly by the Regional Hospital Board and the County Council. Chest Physicians hold joint appointments and specialist health visitors are provided by the County Council. Cases south of Fordingbridge come under the Chest Physician at Christchurch, Dr. Stuart Robertson, and those in the northern part of the area under Dr. J. S. Harper, Chest Physician at Salisbury. The Christchurch Clinic, formerly held in the Millhams Street Clinic, has now been transferred to a new building at Christchurch Hospital.

A voluntary Care and After Care Committee covers the area served by the Christchurch Clinic, i.e., the major part of this District together with the Boroughs of Christchurch and Lymington and a small part of New Forest Rural District. The Committee, under the Chairmanship of Lady Manners, is widely representative and much devoted work is carried out, both in the collection of funds and in personal service to patients.

4. MASS RADIOGRAPHY :

SURVEYS CARRIED OUT IN 1962

35m.m. Unit

	Adults		Schoolchildren		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Ringwood County Secondary School	15	17	115	103	250
Wellworthy (Ringwood) Ltd. ...	401	37	—	—	438
Ringwood	779	1003	10	18	1810
Fordingbridge	358	396	82	62	898
	1553	1453	207	183	3396

The following gives briefly the main results :—

Recalled for large film examination 22 (0.06%)

Recalled for clinical examination 10 (0.03%)

Referred to Doctor or Hospital 10 (0.03%)

Non-tuberculous cases referred to Doctor : 10.

	Male	Female	Total
Cardiovascular lesions	2	2	4
Other non-tuberculous conditions ...	3	3	6

100mm. Unit

	Adults		Schoolchildren		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Ringwood General Practitioner Sessions	93	114	1	4	212
Fordingbridge General Practitioner Sessions	38	57	4	1	100
Wellworthy (Ringwood) Ltd. ...	94	—	—	—	94
St. Leonards Hospital, Ringwood (Staff)	29	93	—	—	122

Cases referred for investigation :

	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis requiring occasional supervision	2	—	2
2. Cardiovascular lesions	1	1	2
3. Carcinoma of lung	2	1	3
4. Other non-tuberculous conditions	6	4	10
	11	6	17

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL :

1. AMBULANCE SERVICES :

The area Ambulance Service is run from a main station at "Hillcroft," New Street, Lymington. There are sub-stations at Ringwood, Christchurch and New Milton. All ambulances are under wireless control. In order to ensure the effective use of the available vehicles all requests for service have to be made to the main station—Tel. No. Lymington 2331.

2. NURSING SERVICES :

The Nursing Services are administered locally by the District Health Sub-Committee

Details of Nurses and their areas :—

NORTHERN NURSING AREA

District Served	Name and Address	Service
Attached to Drs. Vickery, Straton and Vickery	Miss I. C. Durley, Nurse's House, Whitsbury Road, Fordingbridge. Tel. F'bridge 3185.	NURSE/MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Attached to Drs. Vickery, Straton and Vickery	Miss H.M. Casey, 2, Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge. Tel. F'bridge 2157.	NURSE/MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Fordingbridge area and north of it. (Attached to Dr. Hamber and for patients of doctors without attachment)	Miss R. Hewitt, 3, St. George's Cottages, Woodgreen, Fordingbridge. Tel. Breamore 255.	NURSE/MIDWIFE (RELIEF NURSE)
	Mrs. E. E. Arnold, 17, Kingsway, Ferndown, Dorset. Tel. Ferndown 3318.	HEALTH VISITOR

SOUTHERN NURSING AREA

Ringwood (part of) Hightown, Moortown, Kingston, Bisterne, Upper and Lower Bisterne, Crow and Crow Hill, Foulford.	Miss R. Howick, " Nestomi," 17, Highfield Avenue, Ringwood. Tel. Ringwood 565.	NURSE/MIDWIFE
	Mrs. E. E. Arnold, 17, Kingsway, Ferndown, Dorset. Tel. Ferndown 3318.	HEALTH VISITOR
Ringwood (part of) Blashford, Ellingham, Ibsley, Mockbeggar, Linwood, Rockford, Poulner, Highwood, Linford & Shobley.	Miss M. Hoffman, Northfield, Poulner, Ringwood. Tel. Ringwood 673.	NURSE/MIDWIFE
	Mrs. E. E. Arnold.	HEALTH VISITOR
Ringwood (part of) St. Leonards and St. Ives, Ashley, Ashley Heath, Nea Heath, Harefield, Somerley, Matchams Estate, Hurn Airport.	Miss A. M. Hill, Ferndale Villa, St. Ives, Ringwood. Tel. Ringwood 319.	NURSE/MIDWIFE
	Mrs. E. E. Arnold.	HEALTH VISITOR

District Served	Name and Address	Service
Burley, Picket Post, Thorney Hill and Holmsley.	Mrs. A. M. Powell, Sandy Shoot, Honey Lane, Burley. Tel. Burley 3185.	NURSE/MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Bransgore, Cuckoo Hill, Sopley, Ripley, Avon, Winkton, Bockhampton, Waterditch, Burton, Godwincroft, Neacroft.	Miss H. Winder, Nurse's Cottage, 2, Meyrick Close, Bransgore, Nr. Christchurch. Tel. Bransgore 505.	NURSE/MIDWIFE AND HEALTH VISITOR
Hurn (but excluding The Airport).	Miss M. Ellwood, 2, Rothesay Drive, Highcliffe, Christchurch. Tel. Highcliffe 3426.	MIDWIFE
	Miss D. Powell, 83, The Grove, Christchurch. Tel. Christchurch 1967.	NURSE
Hurn and Hurn Airport.	Mrs. M. A. Tate, 3, Warren Edge Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth. Tel. Bournemouth 47407.	HEALTH VISITOR

3. HOME HELP SERVICE :

The Home Help Service is under the local administration of the District Health Sub-Committee.

The Divisional Organiser is Miss M. P. Stevens, Druitt Buildings, Christchurch. Telephone: Christchurch 900.

4. CHILD WELFARE CLINICS :

Child Welfare Centre	Place	Time
Breamore	Woodgreen Hall	First Thursday in month at 2.30 p.m.
Fordingbridge	Victoria Rooms	First and Third Tuesdays in month at 2.30 p.m.
Ringwood	Conway Hall	Every Wednesday at 2.30 p.m.
St. Leonards	District Hall	Fourth Tuesday in month at 2.30 p.m.
Bransgore	Village Hall	Second and Fourth Fridays in month at 2.30 p.m.
Burley	Myrtle Hall	Second and Fourth Wednesdays in month at 2.30 p.m.

5. SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES:

School medical inspections are carried out periodically by Assistant County Medical Officers and Health Visitors.

Special clinics are held at the County Council Health Centre, Christchurch, and at the County Council Dental Clinic in Ringwood.

6. SMALLPOX VACCINATION :

This is carried out free of charge by family doctors and at Child Welfare Clinics. The records are maintained by the County Medical Officer. Family doctors may, and normally do, charge for certificates of vaccination.

796 primary vaccinations and 1,109 re-vaccinations were reported. It is likely that many others were done and not reported. These high figures were of course due to the outbreak of smallpox in Bradford and South Wales in the early part of the year, when much unnecessary vaccination was performed owing to the pressure of public demand.

Once again the percentage of babies vaccinated in the District, 37%, is the lowest in the County. A factor here is incomplete recording on the part of certain general practitioners who failed to send in any vaccination records.

7. IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH :

The scheme is administered locally and the records maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer. Treatment is carried out by family doctors and, at Child Welfare Centres and schools, by Assistant County Medical Officers.

There was a considerable fall in the number of primary immunisations reported. The figures are however by no means complete, since two practices rendered no returns in spite of repeated requests. As a result the percentage of immunised babies in this District is recorded as the lowest in the County.

The number of refresher doses was reasonably well maintained.

1962

Immunisations completed under 5 years of age ...	227
Immunisations completed over 5 years of age ...	44
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	271
Refresher doses	<hr/>
	353
Proportion of children born in previous	
12 months immunised ...	59.6%

8. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION :

The scheme is administered locally and the records maintained by your Medical Officer of Health on behalf of the County Medical Officer. Treatment is largely carried out by family doctors but it is also given by Assistant County Medical Officers at Child Welfare Clinics.

Sabin type oral vaccine came into use in March and since that time it has progressively replaced the original Salk type injected vaccine. No difficulties have been experienced with the oral vaccine and the continued fall in the prevalence of poliomyelitis is a striking tribute to its effectiveness.

1962 SALK VACCINE

Number who received primary course of 2 doses	...	131
Number who received third doses	... ..	215
Number who received fourth doses	... ..	38

ORAL VACCINE

Number who received three doses	... ..	454
Number who received re-inforcing doses	... ..	122

SCHOOLS :

All schools in the District are now provided with waterborne sanitation, the last two schools having been completed during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES :

The District is supplied with water from the mains of the West Hampshire Water Company whose principal works are in the Borough of Christchurch, where the supply is taken from the River Avon. In 1957 the Company developed an additional source from deep boreholes in the chalk at Hale Park and this now supplies most of this District. In the first place the borehole water was found to have a corrosive effect on zinc and copper pipes owing to the presence of dissolved carbon dioxide. After experiment the Company evolved an aeration plant which came into operation early in 1959 and which is efficiently removing the carbon dioxide, rendering the water non-corrosive.

A fourth borehole which had been found to be producing water with an unduly high iron content has been equipped with iron removal plant and is now in use.

Raw and treated waters from the Hale bores are examined twice a week at the Company's own water testing laboratory which is in charge of a qualified chemist and bacteriologist. In addition, periodic samples are sent to an outside laboratory.

In the Breamore area there are still a few houses not connected to the available public supply.

During the year 28 samples of water were taken from sources of supply other than the mains; 11 of these were found to be unsatisfactory.

The following list gives the number of premises, in parishes, supplied with main water as noted in the Water Company's records :

Parish	Dwellings supplied direct	Approximate population supplied
Martin	112	332
Rockbourne	135	397
Whitsbury	61	180
Breamore	81	238
Hale	167	491
Woodgreen	170	500
Damerham	133	391
Fordingbridge	1504	4421
Harbridge and Ibsley ...	123	362
Ellingham	177	520
St. Leonards and St. Ives	1021	3002
Ringwood	2798	8227
Burley	550	1617
Hurn	96	282
Sopley	271	797
Christchurch East ...	1232	3622

Standpipes are installed in the Thorney Hill Compound and at six cottages at Lower Daggon.

A typical result of an examination of a sample of the treated water from the Hale borehole is shown below :—

THE COUNTIES PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORIES
ANALYSIS OF A SAMPLE OF WATER received on 2.8.62 from
WEST HAMPSHIRE WATER COMPANY
CHEMICAL RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION

Appearance : Bright with a few	particles.
Turbidity : Less than 3.	
Colour : Nil.	Odour : Nil;
pH : 7.4.	Free Carbon Dioxide : 17.
Electric Conductivity : 500.	Dissolved Solids dried at 180°C. : 345.
Chlorine present as Chloride : 20.	Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate : 225.
Hardness : Total 265. Carbonate 225.	Non-Carbonate 40.
Nitrate Nitrogen : 3.0.	Nitrite Nitrogen : absent.
Ammoniacal Nitrogen : 0.080.	Oxygen absorbed : 0.05.
Albuminoid Nitrogen : 0.000.	Residual Chlorine : 0.14.
Metals : Iron : 0.10. Zinc, Copper	and Lead : absent.

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

Number of colonies developing on Agar	1 day at 37°C. 0 per ml. Present in	2 days at 37°C. 0 per ml. Absent from	3 days at 20-22°C. 0 per ml. Probable number
Presumptive coliform reaction	— ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1)	... — ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii reaction	... — ml.	100 ml.	

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, just on the alkaline side of neutrality and free from metals apart from a negligible trace of iron. The water is hard in character but not to an excessive degree and it contains no excess of mineral constituents. It is free from colour and of a high standard of organic and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL :

The Ringwood Sewage Works are unchanged and the difficulties in the disposal of the settled effluent by land irrigation persist as repeatedly described in previous annual reports. However, a scheme of reconstruction of the works, together with extensions to the Ringwood sewers has now been approved in principle by the Ministry.

The sewerage of Burton and Winkton was completed towards the end of the year and the system connected to the Christchurch Sewage Disposal Works in Stony Lane.

The scheme being prepared for Bransgore and Thorney Hill has been extended to include the Neacroft area. The completion of the plans for this area has been to some extent delayed by uncertainty whether the sewage could be treated at the Christchurch Works, at present overloaded. Extensions at these Works will be completed in time to receive the Bransgore drainage.

The preparation of the Burley Scheme has been delayed by difficulties over sites for the three pumping stations. This scheme will drain to the Ringwood Works.

The Consultants are also preparing a scheme for the sewerage of St. Leonards and St. Ives, treatment to be carried out at new works to be constructed close to our boundary by Wimborne and Cranborne Rural District Council.

MILK AND DAIRIES :

Milk production in the area is supervised by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Retail Distribution is supervised by officers of this Council.

There is now no pasteurising plant within the District.

The following table shows the number of registered milk producers in the District now and in recent years. 98.2% of producers hold T.T. licences.

				1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Registered Producers	...	...		256	251	241	238	222
Holders of T.T. licences	...	...		240	242	233	232	218
Non designated	...	...	...	16	9	8	6	4

The details have been kindly supplied by the Divisional Executive Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

SAMPLING OF FOOD AND DRUGS :

The County Council is the sampling authority and the following report on sampling within this District has been kindly supplied by Mr. J. S. Preston, Chief Sampling Officer :—

During the year ended the 31st March 1963, 73 samples were procured under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, within the area.
Milk Samples—

Forty-six samples, including 13 of Channel Islands, were procured and it is gratifying to be able to report that these were all free from complaint. It will be noticed that the number of milk samples is considerably below the corresponding figure for the previous year. The reduction was due to the closure of a wholesale dairy, which used to take milk from various producers in the area. This milk was, however, diverted to other milk pasteurising depots, after the particular dairy ceased to function.

Miscellaneous Samples—

Twenty-seven samples of articles other than milk were obtained, including bread and cake, honey, meat products, pastry, pork sausages and spirituous liquors. Only one sample, a type of milk bread, was found on analysis to be unsatisfactory, in that it contained only 0.9 per cent of milk solids. Although there is no official standard for such a product, the proportion of milk was considered insufficient to justify the description under which the bread was sold. The matter was taken up with the producer, who agreed to increase the proportion of milk solids and, in fact, a subsequent sample proved to be satisfactory.

General—

During routine visits to traders, attention was given to the provisions of the Labelling of Food Order and the Pharmacy and Medicines Act, with regard to their application to the labelling and descriptions of foods and drugs.

FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES :

The systematic survey of food premises suffered a set back owing to staff changes and illness, and to the pressing calls of the additional duties which from time to time fall on the department as the result of new legislation. The number of premises dealt with fell to 10 and 19 informal notices were served.

HOUSING :

Only nine Council houses were completed during the year, and as none were built in the previous year the waiting list has continued to increase. The last of the families in huttled accommodation were housed in new houses at Thorney Hill.

Private construction fell from the record total achieved in 1961 but was still at a high level.

The survey of unfit houses continued : 18 houses were dealt with.

No. on Housing Waiting List 31.12.62 ...	...	305
No. of Council Houses completed in 1962 ...	...	9
No. of Private Houses completed in 1962 ...	...	275
Dwellings administered by the Council at 31.12.62 :		
Permanent houses ...	...	1,093
Prefabs ...	...	50

GYPSY CAMPS :

There has been no material change in the Camps in the District.

PROBLEM FAMILIES MEETINGS :

Four meetings of officials and voluntary workers and Councillors concerned with certain difficult families were held under my Chairmanship. The general improvement noted in the past has been in most cases maintained, some families have responded well to rehousing, a very few have proved disappointing. Regular visiting by Welfare Officers has continued where necessary, but has been reduced promptly when sustained improvement was evident.

The pooling of knowledge and experience by the varied members of the Committee has again proved invaluable.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 : SECTION 47 :

No case was considered for action during the year.

HURN AIRPORT :

The passenger use of the airport is still increasing with several different airlines carrying out scheduled and charter flights within the United Kingdom and to the Continent. The car ferry services continue to grow in popularity.

In addition, the airport remains in use for flight testing, flying training and air traffic control instruction. A new building has been constructed for the Air Traffic Control School. The airport is also available for diversions from national airports, notably those in the London area, but it has been little required for this purpose in recent years.

Dr. T. J. Barnett, Dr. J. Cauchi and myself, remain on call for emergency port medical duties including the medical inspection of Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants.

Following the decision to defer the construction of a new terminal building, improved medical and immigration facilities have been constructed on the airfield which meet the needs at present.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS :

The only public swimming bath in the District is the open air pool at Ringwood which is run by the Parish Council and which was fully described in the 1959 report. The water is drawn from the mains and is continuously circulated, filtered and chlorinated.

14 samples from the pool were subjected to laboratory examination with satisfactory results on each occasion.

GENERAL REMARKS :

The health of the District was satisfactory throughout the year.

The incidence of notifiable disease was the lowest ever recorded.

The estimated population rose by 530 to 27,380. Deaths exceeded births by 29 and the population increase was therefore by immigration.

The birth rate fell slightly and returned to the 1960 level. It remains well below the national figure.

The infant mortality rate rose again and is at the highest level since 1957.

The death rate rose but after correction was equal to the national figure.

Slum clearance continues at a slightly slower rate.

The widespread programme to provide sewerage for the main populated areas is developing, in spite of unforeseen delays. The Burton and Winkton scheme is now in operation.

In conclusion, I wish again to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration, my colleagues in other departments for their advice and assistance, and in particular Mr. Upstone and his Staff for their pleasant co-operation.

D. J. N. McNAB,

Medical Officer of Health.

June 1963.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1962 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the
Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to enforced by Local Authorities	19	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	126	1	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - workers' premises)	—	3	—	—
TOTAL	145	4	—	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found : NIL.

Part VIII of the Act
OUTWORK (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out- workers in Aug. list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing Apparel (Making, etc.)	28	—	—	—	—	—
Necklaces and Slides	2	—	—	—	—	—
Plastic Fancy Goods	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	31	—	—	—	—	—

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
RINGWOOD AND FORDINGBRIDGE



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Chief Public Health Inspector
and Surveyor



FOR THE YEAR

1962

Public Offices,
Ringwood.

May, 1963.

To the Chairman and Members of the Rural District
Council of Ringwood and Fordingbridge

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report as your Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor dealing with the work carried out by my Department during the year 1962.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS :

Housing Acts	1059
Rent Act	12
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act ...	1279
Moveable Dwellings	449
Gypsy Camps	29
Nuisances and Complaints	556
Water Supplies	89
Meat and Other Foods	27
Knacker's Yards	3
Clean Air Act	12
Food and Drugs	511
Watercress Beds	10
Milk and Dairies	63
Shops Act	9
Factories Act	4
Infectious Diseases	9
Food Poisoning	3
Rodent Control	2945
Ringwood Sewerage	9
Fordingbridge Sewerage	64
Burton and Winkton Sewerage	141
Bransgore Sewerage	5
Elms Close and Sandleheath Sewerage	12
Surface Water Drainage	53
Swimming Baths	5
Public Cleansing	106
Other Services administered by the Council ...	510
Petroleum and Carbide	140
Building Byelaws	3509
New Street Byelaws	41
Town and Country Planning	870
Dangerous Buildings	20
Housing Sites	67
Housing Estate Management	4393
Housing Estates—Capital Works	147
Small Dwellings (Acquisition) Act	137
Housing (Financial Provisions) Act	36
Legal Proceedings	26
National Assistance Act	2
Land Charges	27
Agricultural (Health and Welfare) Act	10
Unclassifiable Inspections	139

17,538

HOUSING

SLUM CLEARANCE :

The survey of houses unfit for human habitation proceeded throughout the year. A total of 146 houses was inspected and reports made to the Housing Committee in respect of 18 houses unfit for human habitation and not capable of being made fit at reasonable expense. 12 unfit dwellings were demolished, and 51 unfit dwellings made fit as a result of informal action.

The following summary shows the number of dwellings dealt with by demolition, closing and repair under the Housing and Public Health Acts since 1954.

	'62	'61	'60	'59	'58	'57	'56	'55	'54
1. Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	18	15	6	26	11	5	25	8	1
1a. Houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ...	3	1	1	5	—	—	—	—	—
2. Houses included in Clearance Areas	6	—	—	3	10	7	—	—	—
3. Houses Demolished	12	30	15	8	7	7	2	5	8
3a. Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders revoked ..	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Houses in respect of which Undertakings to Make Fit accepted	3	1	5	5	—	—	—	—	—
5. Unfit Houses closed on Undertakings	—	—	4	2	11	14	8	1	4
6. Unfit Houses made fit									
(a) by informal action	51	81	55	23	32	28	26	24	7
(b) by formal action	9	8	9	5	3	—	1	3	—

In one case a Closing Order was substituted for a Demolition Order, and in another an Undertaking to Make Fit was accepted where a Demolition Order had been made.

At the end of 1962 the following Orders and Undertakings were still outstanding :—

Demolition Orders	43
Closing Orders	7
Clearance Orders	20
Undertakings to Make Fit	2
Undertakings to Keep Vacant	27

Five hundred and eighty-three visits and inspections were made.

RENT ACT 1957 :

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

Two applications were received for cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair, issued in 1961, and both were granted.

Twelve visits and inspections were made.

IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSIONS :

Sixty-five preliminary enquiries were received during the year, twenty-four in respect of Discretionary Grants and forty-one in respect of Standard Grants. One of these, where some doubt as to eligibility for Grant aid existed, was placed before the Committee, and the applicant was informed that a Grant could not be made.

An application for a Discretionary Grant was approved for the conversion of one dwelling into four flatlets for aged persons, the total amount approved being £1,370.

Thirty-three applications for Standard Grants were approved, the total possible maximum Grant involved being £4,750. Four applications for Standard Grants were refused; one where the work was already commenced, one where the work was already completed, and two where certificates of fitness for a further 15 years could not be given.

The number of "standard amenities" which could be provided as a result of the Standard Grants approved was as follows :—

Year	Baths	Wash-hand basins	Hot water Supply	Water Closets	Food Stores	£
1962	30	32	32	32	16	4,750
1961	34	35	32	30	19	4,850
1960	32	41	43	44	31	5,960
1959	33	35	34	28	21	5,049
	—	—	—	—	—	—
	129	143	141	134	87	£20,609
	—	—	—	—	—	—

At the 31st December 1962 the total amount paid in Discretionary Grants, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £65,808, the total amount approved by the Council being £67,691. The total amount paid in respect of Standard Grants, allowing for Grants withdrawn or repaid, amounted to £11,168 and the total amount approved £20,609.

One hundred and seventy-nine visits and inspections were made in respect of Discretionary Grants, and two hundred and ninety-seven in respect of Standard Grants.

The Council discontinued Discretionary Grants in September 1961 because of the general economic situation and this policy remained unchanged throughout the whole of 1962 with the exception of the conversion of a dwelling into four flatlets for aged persons, referred to above.

New Practice Notes for the guidance of Local Authorities were issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The list of proposals which should not be approved for Discretionary Grant includes any dwellings in which, after improvement, the habitable rooms are less than 7' 0" in height, unless the building is one of special historic interest or architectural merit, or there are compensating features to off-set the deficiency.

CARAVAN SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS :

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

The following table gives the position at the end of 1962 :--

	No. of Sites	No. of Caravans permitted
Sites with permanent planning permission and site licences for residential caravans (including 1 site for 220 caravans and 1 site for 100 caravans)	43	546
Sites with permanent planning permission and site licences for holiday caravans (including 1 site for 100 caravans and 1 site for 70 caravans)	5	239
Sites with temporary planning permission and site licences	56	80
Sites subject to Enforcement Notices	11	21

Applications for site licences were refused in 19 instances where planning permission had been refused or Enforcement Notices served.

The Council agreed to institute proceedings in five cases where the Act was being contravened. In one case a caravan was stationed on land without planning permission or site licence; in two cases sites subject to Enforcement Notices were being used for caravans in excess of the permitted number, and in one case where a site licence was held and three conditions attached to the licence were not being complied with. All these four prosecutions were successful. In the fifth case, where planning permission and a site licence had been refused, an Appeal to the Minister of Housing and Local Government was allowed, but the Council decided to ask the County Council to make a Discontinuance Order under the provisions of Section 26 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1947 and to continue to refuse a site licence whilst this action was pending. The decision to take legal proceedings in this case was accordingly rescinded. An Appeal was made to the Magistrates' Court that a condition in a site licence, issued for a site of 170 holiday and residential caravans, requiring the provision of water closets in substitution for earth closets was "unduly burdensome", but this Appeal was unsuccessful.

A Circular was received from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government encouraging Local Authorities to provide caravan sites for gypsies where the need existed.

The Council negotiated a lease for a small caravan site on the outskirts of Fordingbridge, to be restricted for use by gypsies, travellers and the like, and took over the site with seven occupants and families on the 1st November.

Negotiations for the purchase of six acres of land in Ringwood for use as a municipal caravan site were held up pending the obtaining of planning consent. The site would cater for 100 residential caravans at present on sites subject to Enforcement Notices or with temporary planning permission.

Consultations were held with the Forestry Commission regarding standards for their proposed Caravan and Camping site at Holmsley for 200 caravans and 100 tents.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government produced an excellent book "Caravan Parks" dealing with location, landscape treatment, layout and equipment of caravan sites. This will be of practical value to Local Authorities and site owners and should assist in making caravan sites more pleasant for occupiers and the general community.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT. 1936, SECTION 269.

A licence was granted for land to be used as a site for up to 40 tents following the granting of planning consent.

Sites for camping cannot be controlled under this section if used for less than 42 consecutive days or less than 60 days in any one year.

A total of one thousand two hundred and seventy-nine visits and inspections was made.

GYPSY CAMPS :

Twenty-nine inspections of sites were made during the year.

The Forestry Commission was requested to consider offering the twelve gypsy families in the Thorneyhill Compound alternative accommodation on their proposed new caravan site, or to bring the compound up to standard as a caravan site.

NUISANCES AND COMPLAINTS :

One hundred and twenty complaints were received during the year, which involved a total of five hundred and fifty-six visits. Details are as follows :—

Nature of Nuisance	Complaints Received	Number of Visits
Insanitary conditions	17	46
Unsatisfactory and insufficient water supplies	—	35
Noise	4	17
Dust, effluvia or smoke	7	60
Fly infestations	7	33
Offensive smells	12	39
Cesspools and drains	28	173
Milk and dairies	—	4
Animals	7	8
Offensive accumulations	6	31
Offensive and obstructed ditches ...	13	76
Flooding and surface water drainage	11	13
Miscellaneous	8	21
	120	556

One Statutory Notice was served under Section 50 of the Public Health Act 1936, and works were put in hand, and one Notice under Section 39.

CLEAN AIR ACT :

Twelve visits and inspections were made and no Statutory action proved necessary.

WATER SUPPLIES

Number of samples collected	28
Number of visits and inspections (excluding those made following complaints)	89

Three Statutory Notices under Section 138 of the Public Health Act 1936 (as amended by Section 30 of the Water Act 1945) issued in December 1960 were complied with. Three Statutory Notices were served in respect of properties at Burgate and Burgate Cross, and were complied with. Another was served on a property at Linbrook, but suspended after the cottage was burned down.

The extension of mains water supply to Upper Burgate and Burgate Cross areas was completed and made available to 22 properties.

A scheme for the extension of mains supply to serve five properties at The Marsh, Damerham, was not proceeded with.

SWIMMING POOL :

Fourteen samples of water were collected from the public Swimming Pool at Ringwood for bacteriological examination. Five visits and inspections were made.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Twenty-seven visits and inspections were made.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS :

Under the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933 and the Amendment Act 1954, six licences were issued to slaughtermen. One knacker's yard licence was renewed. Three visits and inspections were made.

FOOD AND DRUGS :

Eight complaints were investigated with a view to prosecution under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955. After careful consideration of the following six the Council decided not to institute proceedings :—

- A loaf of bread with string embedded in crust.
- Fruit cake containing a stone.
- A loaf of bread containing a bolt embedded in it.
- Dry and discoloured boxed cheese spread.
- Sponge cake with mould on cream filling.
- Jar of marmalade containing glass particle.

The Council agreed to institute proceedings in respect of the other two cases, namely :—

Two oven-ready pre-packed chickens infested with maggots.

“Hovis” loaf containing a metal object.

FOOD HYGIENE :

Ten premises were initially inspected and fifty-two premises re-inspected under the Food Hygiene Regulations. Nineteen informal notices were served.

The following table shows action taken since the Regulations came into operation :—

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956
Premises inspected ...	10	85	54	21	28	68	65
Informal notices served ...	19	105	28	11	5	63	64
Notices complied with ...	16	6	6	—	5	11	3

Two Certificates of Exemption were issued in respect of wash-basin facilities.

No prosecutions were made under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

Five hundred and eleven inspections including those under the Food Hygiene Regulations were made in connection with food premises as follows :—

	Number on Register				Inspections
Food Shops	137	48
Bakehouses	12	21
Restaurant Kitchens	90	54
Ice Cream premises (Section 16)	121	11
Preserved Food premises (Section 16)	16	6
Licensed Premises and Registered Clubs	86	55
Market Stalls	177
Other Stalls	25
Mobile Vans	9
General	105
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ICE CREAM :

Five applications for registration of premises for the storage and sale of ice cream were approved.

WATERCRESS BEDS :

Ten inspections of watercress beds were made during the year. Six samples of water were collected.

MILK AND DAIRIES :

Number of Registered Distributors	15
Number of Registered Dairies	7
Sixty-three visits and inspections were made.	

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960 :

A complaint was received regarding a bottle of milk supplied to a householder in Fordingbridge. A deposit of dirt was found to be inside the bottle. Regulation No. 27 requires that every distributor shall ensure that every vessel, including the lid, used for containing milk shall, immediately before use, be in a state of thorough cleanliness. The Council successfully instituted proceedings in this case.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS 1960 :

All licences issued under the Regulations expire on the 31st December 1965 and the following licences were in force during the year :

Dealers (Pre-packed) Milk Licences

Licences for Pasteurised, Tuberculin Tested and	
	Sterilised Milk
	5
Licences for Pasteurised, Tuberculin Tested Milk only	7
Licences for Pasteurised Milk only	2
	—
	14
	—
Dealers Licences to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	2
Dealers (Pasteurised) Licences	1

Four samples of Tuberculin Tested (Raw) Milk, six samples of Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk and nine samples of Pasteurised Milk were taken for examination, all of which were found to be satisfactory.

SHOPS ACT :

Number on Register	329
Visits and Inspections made	9

Seven Certificates of Exemption respecting sanitary accommodation were issued.

FACTORIES ACT :

Number on Register	145
Inspections made—Factories	4
Inspections made—Outworkers' premises	Nil

The Council is responsible for enforcing the provisions relating to sanitary conveniences in all factories, and the provisions dealing with cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation and drainage of floors in those factories not using machine power.

The Sanitary Accommodation Regulations 1938 detail standards of sanitary conveniences for factories.

SCRAP METAL MERCHANTS :

Two dealers are registered under Section 86 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES :

Nine visits and inspections were made.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT :

The Council exercised their powers under Section 50 of this Act to effect the disposal of the body of an aged man where it was financially impossible for his widow to make the necessary funeral arrangements.

AGRICULTURAL (HEALTH AND WELFARE) ACT, 1956

Ten visits and inspections were made in connection with the provision of sanitary accommodation on farms for agricultural workers.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949 :

The following summary shows the work carried out during the period. A total of two thousand nine hundred and forty-one visits and inspections was made.

	TYPES OF PROPERTY		
	Dwelling houses	All other incl. business premises	Agricultural premises
No. of properties in the district ...	8904	1374	847
No. of properties inspected as a result of :—			
(a) Notification	147	21	26
(b) Survey under the Act ...	1638	102	240
No. of inspections made by Rodent Operative, including re-inspections ...	2443	163	335
No. of properties which were found to be infested by			
(a) Rats—major infestations ...	1	1	7
Rats—minor infestations ...	93	10	16
(b) Mice—major infestations ...	—	1	3
Mice—minor infestations ...	31	9	—

The Workable Area Committee meets annually for the discussion of rodent control problems and pests generally. The area covered by the Committee consists of the districts of Bournemouth County Borough, Christchurch Borough, Lymington Borough, New Forest Rural District and Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District.

SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL :

	Visits made
Refuse Collection and Disposal	81
Street Cleansing	7
Ringwood Sewerage	9
Fordingbridge Sewerage	64
Burton and Winkton Sewerage	141
Bransgore Sewerage	5
Elms Close and Sandleheath Sewerage	12
Public Conveniences	278
Cattle Pound	5
Car Parks	39
Ditching	20
Street Name Plates	12
Street Numbering	146
Council Depot	6
Lower Daggons Water Supply	2

SEWERAGE :

RINGWOOD :

During the year 45 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at December 31st of 1,659, including 474 Council houses.

A length of new sewer constructed by a private developer (Manor Gardens) was taken over as a public sewer.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government approved in principle the scheme for the reconstruction and improvement of the sewage disposal works and the extension of the sewered area, and the Consulting Engineers were instructed to prepare the necessary detailed drawings and contract documents.

FORDINGBRIDGE :

During the year 52 premises were connected to the sewer, making a total at December 31st of 680, including 198 Council houses.

A length of new sewer constructed by a private developer (Ashford Close) was taken over as a public sewer.

The Building Byelaws Committee rejected plans for the construction of 16 dwellings, each with a septic tank drainage installation, on a sixteen-acre estate at Sandleheath, because of the impervious nature of the sub-soil, and as a result the Council considered a scheme for the extension of the public sewer to serve this development. The developers agreed to lay the sewers, and the Council agreed to construct a pumping station together with a pumping main to deliver the sewage to the existing sewer in Jubilee Road. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government approved in principle the proposals, and the Consulting Engineers were instructed to prepare tender documents for the scheme.

BURTON AND WINKTON :

The laying of sewers and laterals in the Burton and Winkton areas was completed in November, and at the 31st December 92 premises were connected to the sewer, including 54 Council houses.

BRANSGORE AND THORNEYHILL :

The Council agreed to the inclusion of Neacroft in the Bransgore and Thorneyhill sewerage scheme at an estimated additional cost of £20,800, making an estimated total of £253,000 for the sewerage of this area. The scheme provides for the treatment of sewage at the Christchurch Corporation's new works at Stony Lane, Winkton, as agreed in principle by the Corporation in 1960, but because of technical difficulties experienced by them in the operation of the new works further negotiations were deferred by the Corporation.

BURLEY :

The preparation of the scheme for the sewerage of Burley at an estimated cost of £200,500 was delayed because of the considerable difficulty in finding sites for pumping stations which would meet with the approval of the Planning Authority and the owners of the sites. The three sites originally selected and surveyed and in respect of which Planning applications were made were objected to by the Planning Authority or the owners.

ST. LEONARDS AND ST. IVES :

A considerable number of urgent private street works schemes are being held up pending the laying of soil sewers and surface water sewers, and having regard to this the Council agreed that this scheme be accelerated with a view to it being commenced as soon as possible, and that it be given the same priority as the schemes for Bransgore and Thorneyhill, and Burley.

REPLACEMENT OF EARTH CLOSETS BY WATER CLOSETS :

Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, provides that where there is a sufficient water supply and a sewer available the Local Authority may by Notice require any closets other than water closets to be replaced by water closets, the Local Authority to bear one half of the expenses reasonably incurred, and the Authority may also bear one half of such cost where an owner proposes to provide a water closet in substitution for any other type of closet, notwithstanding the fact that a Notice has not been served. The Council agreed in principle to the service of Notices under this Section, where appropriate, and in other suitable cases where the owner of a property wished to provide a water closet, but no other facilities which would rank for Discretionary Grant, a payment of up to one half the cost of conversion to be made, subject to a maximum of £40, each case being considered on its merits.

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE :

A scheme to alleviate flooding of Beech Lane, St. Leonards, consisting of ditch regrading and replacement of 12" culverts under Boundary Lane and Grange Road with 18" diameter culverts, was agreed. The County Council was asked for a contribution of half the cost of the works and the scheme has been held up pending their agreement with the Ministry of Transport regarding this.

The Council considered a report on the extensive estate development in the Parish of St. Leonards and St. Ives, that development of some land could not proceed because of the low soil porosity demanding surface water drainage with an ultimate outfall to river or stream and that the County Council could not proceed with the making-up of many major roads in the area without satisfactory means for surface water disposal. The Council's Consulting Engineers were instructed to survey and submit a report on surface water drainage in this Parish.

A scheme for the relief of flooding around Burton House. Burton, was completed; the County Council agreed to contribute half the cost of the works.

The surface water drainage problems at Bransgore remained unsolved for a further year. The County Council would not implement their original scheme, estimated to cost £3,000, and agreed by both Authorities in 1960, and indicated they would proceed with the amended scheme estimated to cost £20,000 only if intending developers contributed towards the cost by agreement under Section 25 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947. The County Council were asked to request the Avon and Dorset River Board to carry out the necessary survey of the River Mude and the Clockhouse Stream, and to submit a firm estimate of the cost of the necessary drainage works whilst the further negotiations with land-owners were in progress. The concluding remarks in my annual report for 1961 aptly sum up the position today, "the County Council were unable to agree to this and the matter still rests in their hands."

I think it worth recording that the survey and plans for the surface water drainage scheme for St. Leonards and St. Ives, likely to cost over £300,000, and which has been dealt with by the District Council alone, have been completed and agreed in less than twelve months since my first Committee report on the subject.

The County Council did not proceed with the £8,000 agreed scheme for the relief of flooding in the Crow and Sandford areas providing for a relief drain from Crow to Moortown but prepared an amended scheme for a 36" drain from North Kingston to Haskell's Pond, west of road A.338, estimated to cost £15,000, and the District Council agreed to a contribution of £1,875 towards this. The cost of the relief drain for Poulner Lane to deal with flooding at the eastern end of Northfield Road and the Eastfield Lane and Hightown Elm areas of Ringwood was found to be £10,107, against the estimate of £7,000, and the District Council agreed to a revised contribution of £1,819.

THROOP MILL :

The Council lodged an objection with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food to the proposal of the Avon and Dorset River Board for works to the River Stour at Throop Mill on the ground that such works would destroy the amenities of the areas to which the public had access and which is of outstanding natural beauty.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL :

The Council undertakes a combined collection of household and unburnable refuse weekly in the lighting areas of Ringwood and Fordingbridge; this will be extended to include the non-lighting area of Ringwood from the 1st April, 1963. A collection of unburnable refuse only, including ashes, is carried out monthly in the

remainder of the district. Receptacles have to be placed outside the premises as near as practicable to the roadway along which the collection vehicle proceeds. Dustbins are collected from houses where the occupants produce a certificate of incapacity.

The refuse collection vehicles covered a total mileage of 28,561 during the year, compared with 28,517 for 1961 and 26,572 for 1960.

The following summary shows the estimated amount of refuse collected throughout the district during each of the past eight years .

	Verwood Road Dump	Sandleheath Dump	Total
1962	24,811 cu. yds.	7,753 cu. yds.	32,564 cu. yds.
1961	22,453 „ „	5,465 „ „	27,918 „ „
1960	17,933 „ „	6,209 „ „	24,142 „ „
1959	14,137 „ „	5,102 „ „	19,239 „ „
1958	13,125 „ „	4,655 „ „	17,780 „ „
1957	11,846 „ „	4,641 „ „	16,487 „ „
1956	11,593 „ „	4,643 „ „	16,236 „ „
1955	10,467 „ „	4,355 „ „	14,822 „ „

Schemes for improving the refuse collection service in the non-lighting areas of the district involving over 6,000 properties were again considered by the Council, when it was resolved to continue the existing arrangements and to re-consider this matter in 1963.

The Council agreed that the new freighter to be brought into commission on the 1st April 1963 should be the latest Shelvoke and Drewry Pakamatic Automatic Refuse Collection Vehicle, with a 35 cubic yard automatic loading body; almost double the carrying capacity of the Fore and Aft Power Press freighters.

Eighty-one visits and inspections were made.

The following schedule shows collection days throughout the district as at the 1st April 1963 :—

WEEKLY SERVICE :

Lighting Area of the Parish of Ringwood :

Addison Square, Beechcroft Lane, Bickerley, Broadshard Lane, Cadogan Road, Carvers Lane, Christchurch Road, The Close, College Road, Collins Lane, Coniston Road, Coxstone Lane, Dewys Lane, Duck Island Lane, Fairlie Estate, Fairlie Park, Fieldway, Fridays Cross, Gipsy Lane, Gorley Road, Hampton Drive, High Street, Hightown Road, Highfield Avenue, Highfield Drive, Hurst Corner, Kings Arms Lane, Kingsbury Lane, Link Road, London Tavern Triangle, Lumby Drive, Lynes Lane, Manor Road, Market Place, Meeting House Lane, Meadow Close, Meadow Road, Middle Lane, Middleton Road, Morant Road, Mount Pleasant, Mount Pleasant Lane, New Road, Moortown, New Street, North Poulner Road, Northfield Road, Northumberland Court, Nursery Road, Parsonage Barn Lane, Queensway, Quomp, Redwood Close, Riverside, Salisbury Road, School Lane, Seymour Road, Southampton Road, Southfield, Star Lane, Strides Lane, Top Lane, Wessex Estate, Wessex Road, West Street, Winston Way, Woodstock Lane.

Every
Monday

Lighting Area of the Parish of Ringwood :

Clough Road, Eastfield Lane, East View Road, Gravel Lane, Hiltom Road, Hurst Road, Merryweather Estate, Orchard Close, Poplar Way, Westbury Road.

Every
Tuesday

Non-Lighting Area of the Parish of Ringwood :

The areas of Bisterne, Crow, Crow Hill, Hangersley, Hightown, Kingston, Poulner, North Poulner and Sandford.

Lighting Area of the Parish of Fordingbridge :

Albion Road, Alexandra Road, Ashford Road, Back Street, The Bartons, Bowerwood Road, Bridge Street, Brympton Estate, Church Street, Green Lane, High Street, Horseport, Jubilee Close, Jubilee Road, Lower Bartons, Market Place, Park Road, Pennys Lane, Picket Close, Provost Street, Roundhill, Salisbury Road, Salisbury Street, Shaftesbury Street, Southampton Road, Station Road, St. George's Road, The Square, Victoria Road, Waverley Road, Whitsbury Road.

Every
Wednesday

MONTHLY SERVICE (Unburnable refuse only) :**In every month**

Parish of Ellingham, including the areas of Blashford, Highwood, Linford, Linwood, Rockford and Shobley	1st Tuesday
Parish of Harbridge and Ibsley, including the areas of Bleak Hill, Furze Hill, Harbridge Green, Ibsley, Mockbeggar, Somerley, South Gorley and Turner	2nd Tuesday
Parish of Fordingbridge (non-lighting area) (part) comprising the areas of Bickton, Blissford, Frogham, Furzehill, Hucklesbrook, Ogdens and Redbrook	1st Wednesday
Parish of Fordingbridge (non-lighting area) (part) and the Parish of Rockbourne (part) comprising the areas of Burgate, Sandleheath and all that part of the parish of Rockbourne south of Rockbourne Lane, comprising the areas of Brickhill, The Marsh, Sandleheath & West Park, Midgham, Ashford Road, Bowerwood Road	2nd Wednesday
Parish of Fordingbridge (non-lighting area) (part) comprising the areas of Hungerford, Hyde and North Gorley	3rd Wednesday
Parish of Fordingbridge (non-lighting area) (part) comprising the areas of Godshill and Stuckton	4th Wednesday
Parishes of St. Leonards and St. Ives (part) Hurn and Sopley (part) comprising the parish of Hurn and all that part of the parish of Sopley west of the River Avon and in the parish of St. Leonards and St. Ives; Ashley, Ashley Drive Estate, Ashley Heath, Avon Castle, Horton Road, Hurn Road, Laurel Road, Lions Lane, Matchams, Railway Drive, St. Leonards Hill, Struan Estate, Woodlands Way and Woolsbridge Road	1st Thursday
Parishes of Martin, Rockbourne, Whitsbury & Damerham excluding that part of the parish of Rockbourne south of Rockbourne Lane comprising Brickhill, The Marsh, Sandleheath & West Park	2nd Thursday

Parishes of Christchurch East (part) and Sopley (part) comprising in the parish of Christchurch East, the areas of Beckley, Bransgore, Godwinscroft, Hinton, Holmsley South, Neacroft, Thorney Hill, Walkford and Waterditch and in the parish of Sopley, Betsy Lane, Burnt House Lane, Cuckoo Hill, Derritt Lane east of New Barn Bridge, Ringwood Road, West Road, Bransgore and Shirley Common 3rd Thursday

Parish of Sopley (part). The parish of Sopley excluding all that part west of the River Avon, Betsy Lane, Burnt House Lane, Cuckoo Hill, all Derritt Lane east of New Barn Bridge, Ringwood Road, West Road, Bransgore and Shirley Common . . . 4th Thursday

Parish of St. Leonards and St. Ives (part) comprising the areas of A.31 from Horton Road to County Boundary, Beech Lane, Boundary Lane, Braeside Road, The Close, Foxbury Road, Glenives Close, Grange Road, Pinewood Road, Post Office Lane, Racecourse Heath Estate, St. Ives End Lane, Sandy Lane, School Lane and Wayside Road 1st Friday

Parishes of Hale, Woodgreen and Breamore 2nd Friday

Parish of Christchurch East (part) comprising the areas of South, Middle and North Bockhampton, Burton, Holfleet, Staplecross, Winkton and Winkton Common 3rd Friday

Parish of Burley 4th Friday

STREET CLEANSING :

The Council carried out street cleansing in respect of some $13\frac{1}{4}$ miles of publicly repairable roads in Ringwood and $4\frac{3}{4}$ miles in Fordingbridge. The County Council contributed towards the cost: the road classifications and mileages are as follows :—

Trunk Road	...	1.48
Class I Road	...	2.96
Class II Roads	...	1.66
Class III Roads	...	3.27
Unclassified	...	8.63
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		18.00 miles
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LITTER :

Litter receptacles are provided in the shopping centres and car parks at Ringwood and Fordingbridge and at some lay-byes and 'bus draw-ins.

In connection with the Anti-Litter Campaign the Forestry Commission agreed that three of the Council's oak mounted signs should be exhibited on the main traffic routes entering the district, from immediately before the Whitsun holiday to the end of September in each year.

At the request of the County Council a scheme was considered for the collection of indestructible refuse, but as the problem appeared to be the indiscriminate dumping of this type of refuse in the district by persons from Bournemouth and Christchurch it was agreed to communicate with these Authorities regarding facilities in their districts and not to provide a special collection. Residents in this district are permitted to deposit their indestructible refuse on the Council's dump by arrangement.

STAFF—MANUAL WORKERS :

The National Joint Council for Local Authorities Services (Manual Workers) announced increases in wage rates to take effect from the 2nd April.

A five-day working week for manual workers was introduced in January.

The present labour force employed by the Council is as follows :—

- 1 Foreman/mechanic.
- 5 Drivers.
- 10 Loaders.
- 2 Dump Attendants.
- 4 Street Sweepers.
- 1 Grass cutter, ditcher, etc.
- 1 Sewage Works Foreman.
- 4 Sewage Workers.
- 1 Rodent Operative.

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COUNCIL DEPOT :

Further improvements were completed during the year, including the erection of an additional three-bay garage, and the provision of a new mess-room, office and stores, and a temporary car park to relieve the car parking problem at the Public Offices.

SALVAGE :

The salvage scheme was maintained throughout the year and sales produced £859 8s. 0d. Prices obtained for waste paper dropped by approximately 44%, but the Council resolved to continue with the collection of salvage notwithstanding the fact that sales may no longer continue to show a profit.

The total sum paid to the workmen for the year under the incentive bonus scheme amounted to £60 8s. 10d.

Details of the salvage sold are shown in the following summary :—

						Tons	Cwts.	Qtrs.	lbs.	No.	£	s.	d.
WASTE PAPER													
Newspaper	...	...	...	...	...	188	0	2	0		419	8	3
Waste paper	..	...	...	...	...	29	3	2	0		150	14	1
Cardboard	...	...	...	...	...	12	17	1	0		86	2	10
Meal Bags	...	...	...	...	...		11	0	0		3	14	1
TEXTILES													
Rags	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	0	0		64	8	0
METALS													
Mixed scrap	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	0		21	15	9
Brass	...	...	...	...	...		5	2	0		22	7	6
Copper	...	...	...	...	...		2	0	24		12	12	10
Aluminium	...	...	...	...	...		12	0	0		33	12	3
Lead	...	...	...	...	...		2	2	17		4	14	10
Steel	...	...	...	...	...	1	15	1	0		9	10	0
Light iron	...	...	...	...	...	1	17	1	0		7	13	6
Light shearing	...	...	...	...	...		15	3	0		3	18	9
Light cast	...	...	...	...	...	1	18	3	0		14	10	7
Batteries	...	...	...	...	...					26	4	4	6
						249	4	3	13	26	£859	8	0

Salvage sales since inauguration in 1941 are shown below :—

	£
1941	414
1942	1,208
1943	1,089
1944	908
1945	575
1946	495
1947	342
1948	949
1949	740
1950	608
1951	1,674
1952	937
1953	572
1954	669
1955	1,280
1956	1,249
1957	1,135
1958	1,079
1959	1,129
1960	1,290
1961	1,267
1962	859

The following summary shows the variations in prices of waste paper over the last ten years :

	Baled waste paper per ton	Unbaled waste paper per ton	Books & mags. per ton	Newspapers per ton
1953	£4 10s.	£1 10s.	£3 10s.	£3 10s.
1954	6 0s.	3 10s.	6 0s.	6 0s.
1955	8 0s.	5 0s.	7 10s.	8 0s.
1956	6 10s.	5 10s.	4 10s.	5 5s.
1957	6 10s.	3 0s.	4 10s.	6 0s.
1958	5 10s.	3 0s.	3 0s.	3 10s.
1959	5 10s.	3 0s.	3 0s.	3 10s.
1960	5 10s.	3 10s.	3 10s.	3 10s.
1961	5 10s.	3 10s.	3 10s.	3 10s.
1962	5 0s.	1 10s.	1 10s.	1 10s.

PUBLIC OFFICES :

Work was commenced on extensions to the Public Offices to provide an additional three ground floor and three first floor offices, and alterations to improve the existing accommodation, including the provision of two waiting rooms for the public. Negotiations for the purchase of 29, Woodstock Lane, Ringwood, as accommodation for the caretaker, were completed.

DITCHING :

The Town Ditch, Ringwood, was cleaned out as in past years, and a length of ditch at Stony Lane, Winkton, was also dealt with in order to abate a nuisance likely to be prejudicial to health.

CAR PARKS :

The works for the enlargement of the car park at The Furlong, Ringwood, and the re-surfacing of the parking area at the eastern end of the existing park, following the erection of the new Public Conveniences, were completed in July. This park now provides accommodation for 226 cars, 13 lorries or coaches, and 20 bicycles.

The surfaced area of the Roundhill car park at Fordingbridge provides accommodation for 97 cars and 2 coaches belonging to the Wilts and Dorset 'Bus Company.

The Council considered requests for the provision of a car park in Burley, but after consultation with the Parish Council decided to take no action other than to recommend that the Police prevent parking in the highway adjacent to the Post Office.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES :

Malicious damage to the conveniences at Ringwood and Fordingbridge occurred on several occasions; the Police were informed in every instance but it was not possible to discover the offenders.

CATTLE POUND :

A total of 120 animals was impounded by the Police during the year. The following summary shows the impoundings since 1954 :—

1962	...	...	120
1961	...	...	218
1960	...	...	220
1959	...	...	80
1958	...	...	111
1957	...	...	107
1956	...	...	89
1955	...	...	101
1954	...	...	53

The total fees collected in respect of the 120 animals amounted to £86. The impounding fees are £2 per owner for each impounding, irrespective of the number impounded.

The Council continued its efforts to secure an amendment in the legislation (Section 135 of the Highways Act, 1959) which limits the maximum penalty to 5s. 0d. for each animal straying on the highway and the maximum overall penalty to £1 10s. 0d. The support was sought of the Rural District Councils' Association, the County Council and the Minister of Transport to obtain higher penalties for cattle straying, to reduce the danger to road users, but without success. Representations were made to the Verderers of the New Forest requesting them to consider reversion to the former rule which restricted the number of animals which a Commoner could exercise in the Forest to the number which he could reasonably support on land within his ownership, but the Court of Verderers stated that it would not be practicable to reinstate such restrictions.

It is hoped that the scheme for fencing and gridding the entire perambulation of the New Forest will prevent the straying of animals on highways both within and without the Forest.

STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING :

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government issued the Ringwood and Fordingbridge Rural District (Urban Powers) Order 1962 empowering the Council to name streets. It was necessary to re-number some roads in Ringwood where development was substantially complete.

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT,
PETROLEUM MIXTURES AND CARBIDE OF CALCIUM :

Number of premises on register	...	...	114
Number of petroleum spirit licences	...		109 (280,550 galls.)
Number of petroleum mixture licences	...		7 (20,560 galls.)
Number of carbide of calcium licences	...		1 (2 tons)
Number of new applications during the year			6 (3,450 galls.)
Number of inspections made	...	...	140

BUILDING BYELAWS :

Plans :

Number of plans received	...	...	796
Number of plans approved	...	...	716
Number of plans rejected	...	...	33
Number of plans no objection	...	...	19
Number of plans withdrawn or exempted			27
Number of relaxations	...	...	1

Classification of the deposited plans is as follows :—

245 plans in respect of 393 dwellings.
178 plans in respect of 178 structural alterations and additions.
162 plans in respect of 182 garages.
138 plans in respect of 163 drainage works.
19 plans in respect of conversions, resulting in 40 units of accommodation.
19 plans in respect of 19 agricultural buildings.
2 plans in respect of 2 factories.
3 plans in respect of 3 shops.
28 plans in respect of roadworks.
2 miscellaneous plans.

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Inspections :

Foundations	288
Oversite	266
Damp proof courses	...		201
Water tests to drains	...		701
Completed works	...		369
Sewer connections	...		19
Contraventions	...		109
Miscellaneous inspections			1,556
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			3,509
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Contraventions :

Contraventions of Building Byelaws	31
Number of Statutory Notices served—Sect. 39			1
		Sect. 65	3
Number of informal notices served	...	...	67

It was not found necessary to institute legal proceedings in respect of any of these contraventions.

NEW STREET BYELAWS :

Twenty-eight plans were received and forty-one inspections made in connection with works of laying out new streets.

SOIL AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE IN CONNECTION WITH NEW DEVELOPMENT :

The Council continued its policy requiring that proposals for estate development on land where sewers are not available and where the sub-soil is other than gravel should provide for sealed cesspools, or alternatively, that Estate Developers be encouraged to provide sewage treatment plants rather than individual tanks, and that in all cases satisfactory surface water drainage be insisted upon with an ultimate outfall to a river or stream.

After hearing an appeal against the Council's decision refusing to take over a small sewage disposal works serving 24 bungalows at Sandleheath the Ministry of Housing and Local Government declared that the works and estate sewer should be vested in the Council as from the 1st October. The River Board imposed stringent conditions regarding the effluent because of its discharge into a small watercourse, but subsequently relaxed the standard, and it is hoped that compliance will be possible without the necessity for carrying out works of re-circulation.

NEW STREETS :

Since the introduction of the new Standard Estate Conditions in April 1960 the provision of roads and footpaths to the required standard on new housing estates has proceeded satisfactorily; the Conditions require the developers, before commencing any work, to submit to the County Council a specification for the road construction which must be such as to enable the Highway Authority to take over the roads on completion as highways maintainable at the public expense. Three private estate roads were satisfactorily completed and taken over during the year.

The position regarding the condition of numerous estate roads laid out in the district during the post-war years prior to the introduction of the Standard Estate Conditions remains unsatisfactory.

PRIVATE STREET WORKS :

Whitehayes Road, Burton, and Green Lane and Manor Road, Ringwood, were made up during the year and taken over by the County Council as highways maintainable at the public expense. The County Council have deferred action in respect of a number of roads in Ringwood until the new sewers are laid therein; it is anticipated that these roads will be dealt with in 1964/65. St. George's Road, Albion Road and Jubilee Road, Fordingbridge, are included in the County Council's programme for making up during 1963, as is also Hatchett Close, Hale.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING :

Development applications are received by my Department, which also deals with the work of maintaining the Planning Register and Planning Index Maps. Enquirers are advised on Planning matters generally, and inspections made on behalf of the Planning Authority, to whom reports are furnished on known contraventions.

Nine hundred and sixty-one Planning applications were received and eight hundred and seventy visits and inspections made.

The Council considered the Reviewed Town Map for Ringwood and lodged a formal objection against this, as inadequate land had been scheduled for industrial purposes, most of the land so scheduled being already extensively developed. The Council considered that the land between the former gas-works and No. 176, Christchurch Road should be scheduled for industrial purposes and that such development of this land would not create an increased demand for residential development which could not be met within the provisions made in the new Reviewed Town Map.

The Council was informed that the Minister of Housing and Local Government proposed to make modifications to the Hampshire Coast Green Belt, and as a result of this Council's representations Sopley and Winkton would be restored to the category of settlements where some limited infilling would be allowed.

DANGEROUS BUILDINGS :

The Orders served in July 1961 under Section 58 of the Public Health Act, 1936, on the owner of an hotel gutted by fire were adjourned sine die in March, but in July the Magistrates' Court, on the application of the Council, ordered them to be complied with by the 31st October. The new lessor of the premises asked the Council for a further extension, as an Appeal against a Planning refusal was pending, but the Council insisted upon works being carried out to make the building safe, and the lessor agreed that they would be commenced early in the New Year.

Twenty visits and inspections were made.

HOUSING SITES :

Surveys were made of sites in various parts of the district and sketch layouts prepared. After consultations with the Planning Authority the Housing Committee decided not to proceed with sites at Campden House and Warnes Lane, Burley, and land between the Bickerley and the Market Place, Ringwood, but to purchase a site at Woodgreen with a pair of unfit houses. The Council purchased a pair of post-war 3-bedroomed houses adjoining their estate at The Bartons, Fordingbridge, for £3,400.

Planning consent was obtained for the construction of a block of four one-bedroomed flats at Chapel Haye, Burley, and for two dwellings and fifteen garages on land adjoining Winston Way, Ringwood. Following consultations with the Planning Authority an amended layout for Burton Park, Burton, incorporating the Committee's requirements, was finally agreed, and it was decided to proceed with the first stage of development of 40 dwellings, roads and sewers for the whole estate, the roads for this stage only to be made up to final standard. At the request of the Ministry of Civil Aviation ten of the 3-bedroomed dwellings in the first stage are to be made available for occupation by personnel of the Air Traffic Control Experimental Unit and ten dwellings in the second stage.

Consultations were also held with the Planning Authority regarding the layout plans for 96 dwellings and 103 garages at Spittlefields, Ringwood, and after consideration of various amended layouts a degree of compromise was reached and a final layout was prepared for 90 dwellings and 103 garages, but further action was deferred as the County Council were not certain of the line of the new Trunk Road, which would affect the layout.

Tenders were accepted for the construction of four 3-bedroomed houses at Martin for £9,044; six houses at Whitsbury—four 3-bedroomed houses and two 2-bedroomed houses—for £20,552, including £9,000 for a new sewage disposal plant to serve these six houses and the existing eleven houses; two blocks comprising ten 1-bedroomed flats at Fordingbridge for £15,337, and forty dwellings at Burton Park, consisting of sixteen 3-bedroomed houses, fourteen 2-bedroomed houses and ten 2-bedroomed bungalows, together with 20 garages, roads and sewers, being the first stage of development, for £90,223. Also two blocks comprising sixteen 1-bedroomed flatlets with Warden's accommodation, a 3-bedroomed house, communal kitchen and dining room at the Quomp, Ringwood, for £47,068.

In connection with the accommodation for aged persons to be provided at Green Lane, Fordingbridge, and the Quomp, Ringwood, grants will be obtainable from the County Council up to a maximum of £35 per annum per unit, providing the requirements of the County Welfare Department are complied with, including the connection of all flats to the warden's and deputy warden's accommodation by bell system for use in emergencies, and the provision of an outside telephone connection in the warden's accommodation.

HOUSING OF AGED PERSONS :

The Council considered a suggestion of the County Council for a scheme for the joint provision of Part III accommodation (under the National Assistance Act, 1948) and Aged Persons' Dwellings in the Ringwood area, and decided to take no action insofar as Ringwood was concerned, as it was considered that the demand for aged persons' accommodation will be adequately met for the time being by the Council's scheme for the erection of flatlets at the Quomp, Ringwood, but the County Council were urged to consider a smaller joint scheme for the Fordingbridge area.

HOUSING PROGRAMME :

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government reduced the programme of houses to be put to tender by the Council during 1962 to 24 dwellings, but as a result of a deputation to the Ministry this figure was subsequently increased so as to include 40 dwellings at Burton Park, 6 at Whitsbury and 4 at Martin.

The following Housing Programme for 1963 was submitted to the Ministry for approval :—

Parish	Site	Number of Dwellings
Burley	Chapel Haye	4
Christchurch East	Burton Park, Burton	35 (including 10 for the Ministry of Civil Aviation)
Fordingbridge	Lower Bartons (allotment land)	12
Ringwood	Land at Cloughs Road acquired from Ringwood Parish Council	28
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The following table shows the position of sites for housing development owned by the Council :—

Site	Acreage	Planning position	Number of dwellings
Chapel Haye, Burley.	0.353	Outline 8.3.60.	4 flats.
Burton Park, Burton.	7.053	1st stage Consent 10.7.62.	40 dwellings and 20 garages.
		2nd stage Outline 23.8.61.	35 dwellings.
Alexandra Road, Fordingbridge.	1.62	Scheme deferred.	18 approximately.
Lower Bartons, Fordingbridge.	1.4	Outline 24.5.61.	12 dwellings.
6. The Bartons, Fordingbridge.	0.13	Consent 31.10.61.	2, commenced March, completed June.
Green Lane, Fordingbridge.	0.384	Consent 25.11.60.	10 one-bedroomed flats, commenced July.
Townsend, Martin.	3.4	Consent 29.8.61.	4, commenced December.
Moortown, Ringwood.	0.585	Consent 3.10.61.	4, commenced April.
Spittlefields, adjoining Queens Way, Ringwood.	12.25	Outline 8.9.60.	90 dwellings.
Land adjoining Poplar Way Ringwood.	2.01	Outline 7.12.60.	28 dwellings.
Land adjoining Winston Way, Ringwood.	.15	Outline 26.9.62.	2 dwellings, 15 garages.
Quomp, Ringwood.	0.6875	Consent 13.7.62.	18 units.
Whitelands, Thorneyhill.	1.0	Consent 13.2.61.	7, completed May.
Whitsbury.	1.5	Consent 31.10.61.	6 dwellings and sewage disposal works.

Sixty-seven visits and inspections were made.

ESTATE MAINTENANCE :

At the 31st December 1962 the Council had a total of 1,143 occupied dwellings made up as follows :—

Permanent Houses	1,093
Prefabricated Houses	50
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				1,143
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The Council's permanent houses and prefabricated bungalows are sited as follows :—

PARISH	LOCALITY	Traditional	Prefabricated
Breamore	St. George's Cottages	4	
Burley	Campden House	2	
	Warnes Lane	35	6
	Chapel Haye	6	
Christchurch East	Meyrick Close, Bransgore	18	
	Westbury Close, Bransgore	32	
	Footners Lane, Burton	14	6
	Jopps Corner, Burton	7	
	Sandy Plot, Burton	56	
	Burton Green	4	
	Neacroft	4	
	Thorneyhill	27	
Damerham	High Street	2	
	South End	4	
	West Park Lane	23	
Ellingham	Blashford	4	
Fordingbridge	Jubilee Close	16	
	Lower Bartons	28	
	Pennys Lane	8	13
	Picket Close	54	
	St. George's Road	12	
	Salisbury Road	8	
	Roundhill	2	
	Tinkers Cross	2	
	The Bartons	25	
	Waverley Road	26	
Hale	St. George's Cottages	14	
Harbridge and Ibsley	Brookside	6	
Hurn	Moors Close	54	
Martin	St. George's Cottages	12	
	Townsend	20	

PARISH	LOCALITY	Traditional	Prefabricated
Ringwood	66, 68 and 74, Christchurch Road	3	
	Cloughs Road	16	
	Eastfield Lane	—	4
	Fairlie Estate	3	
	Fairlie Park	36	
	Hurst Road	42	
	Hightown	8	
	Manor Road	35	9
	Merryweather	24	
	Moortown	10	
	Poplar Way	74	
	Queens Way	71	
	55, The Bickerley	1	
	Wessex Estate	92	
	Winston Way	48	
	29, Woodstock Lane	1	
Rockbourne	Bourne Cottages	6	
	Mintys Hill	6	
	Whipps Hill	2	
Sopley	Avon	4	
	Burnt House Lane, Bransgore	20	
	Derritt Lane, Bransgore	—	6
	Ripley	2	
St. Leonards and St. Ives	Ashley	4	
	Glenives Close and The Close	10	6
	Old School	1	
	Woolsbridge Road	16	
Whitsbury	Lower Grove	11	
Woodgreen	Hill Close	12	
	St. George's Cottages	6	

The maintenance of these estates entailed a total of four thousand three hundred and ninety-three visits and inspections, (including 88 inspections made on behalf of the Ringwood Parish Council), as follows :—

Permanent Houses	...	...	4013
Prefabricated Bungalows	...	...	131
Converted Huts	45
Other Council property	27
Parish Council	88
Sewage Disposal	89
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The last six converted huts at Harrow Hill (Christchurch East Parish) were vacated in May, when the families were housed at Thorneyhill. The release of these huts brought to an end the re-housing of some 373 families from this type of accommodation.

A total of 57 gypsy families have been re-housed by the Council on their post-war estates; a number of these are becoming reason-

ably good tenants, who create no nuisance whatever. The Housing Committee considered reports of continuous and serious complaints from residents in privately owned dwellings in the vicinity of Brick Lane and Whitelands, Thorneyhill, of nuisances created by some of the gypsy families on these estates. The Council had not been allowed to construct any form of intermediate accommodation away from good class residents and a serious social problem had been created by housing certain gypsy families in close proximity to private residents in the hope that the gypsies would attain reasonable living standards; having been accustomed to loud shouting and general noise at a level quite unacceptable to ordinary people some of the gypsy families are unable to conform to normal standards.

The view was expressed that the insistence of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government on these families being provided with normal housing accommodation in residential areas had been responsible for creating a position where private residents were being driven to distraction, and it was felt that the circumstances should be brought to the Ministry's notice.

Representatives of the Council subsequently visited the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in London when the problem of unsatisfactory families in Council dwellings was discussed, and the Ministry indicated that they would favourably consider the erection of up to six houses on isolated sites, with interior detail and finish below normal standards. Discussions have since taken place with the Planning Authority regarding the location of suitable sites.

Five enquiries were received from tenants respecting the purchase of houses occupied by them; in one instance only has the tenant agreed to negotiate purchase.

A tour of the Council's housing estates, covering some 1,000 dwellings was made by members of the Housing Committee on five evenings in July. As a result the Committee agreed to a scheme for the re-decoration of the external walls of dwellings previously colour washed, to be phased over the next few years with the external painting programme.

Damage was caused to a Council house as a result of a fire occurring in the living-room when a drip feed oil heater caught alight.

It was agreed that in the case of all lettings after the 1st April, 1963, the deposit payable by tenants to cover possible damage to Council dwellings and which is refundable upon the termination of the tenancy, be increased from £1 to £3, but that the deposit to be paid by Old Age Pensioners remain at £1.

Exterior painting and repair works were carried out to 312 dwellings during the year, at a cost of £6,653 0s. 0d.

The erection of garages to meet tenants' requests on various estates was continued; three were erected at Hurst Road, three at Wessex Estate, five at Manor Road and five at Fairlie Park, Ringwood, and five at Burnt House Lane and eight at Westbury and Meyrick Closes, Bransgore.

The scheme for the provision of immersion heaters for a permanent rent increase of 6d. per week continued to prove popular, and up to the end of the year a total of 470 had been provided.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT SMALL DWELLINGS (ACQUISITION) ACT :

One hundred and seventy-three visits and inspections were made in connection with a total of 146 dwellings constructed or purchased with assistance under these Acts since 1941.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS :

It was found necessary to institute proceedings as follows :—

Food and Drugs Act,
1955, Section 2.

Mr. F. Farwell

Fined £10.0s.0d. Council awarded
£5.5s.0d. Advocate's fees.
Case pending.

Mr. H. H. Batcheler
Caravan Sites and Control
of Development Act, 1960.

Mr. S. W. Green

Fined £5.0s.0d. Council awarded
£5.5s.0d. costs.

Mrs. M. Casey

Fined £10.0s.0d. and £5.0s.0d.
Council awarded £3.3s.0d. costs.

Mr. F. Burton

Fined £10.0s.0d. Council awarded
£3.3s.0d. Advocate's fees.

Mrs. D. E. Marshall

Fined £5.0s.0d. Council awarded
£3.0s.0d. costs.

Milk and Dairies (General)
Regulations, 1959.

Oakdale Creameries
(Poole) Ltd.

Fined £5.0s.0d. Council awarded
£5.0s.0d. costs.

Twenty-six visits and inspections were made.

STAFF :

Mr. J. P. Emerson, Additional Public Health Inspector, resigned in October, and Mr. K. C. Brooke, designated First Additional Public Health Inspector, was appointed in his place. Mr. B. W. Hyde, Additional Public Health Inspector, resigned in December, and Mr. H. M. Blackshaw was appointed, to take up duties in January 1963. Mr. J. Dyett, Clerk of Works, holding a temporary appointment, was placed on the permanent establishment. Mrs. M. Goodwin was appointed as my private secretary in April.

CONCLUSION :

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council, Mr. A. H. Hale and Dr. D. J. N. McNab for their confidence and support, and the staff of my Department for their co-operation throughout the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. A. UPSTONE,

Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.